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Fire blazes in Chester Hall

By Sean Gossard
News/Global Editor

Over 200 displaced students waited outside Chester Hall Thursday while firefighters cleared out smoke after an overheated electrical cord caught fire.

Around 8 p.m. fire alarms went off and students evacuated the freshman residence hall to the 20 degree weather outside. The students were evacuated for nearly two hours before being allowed to return.

"We couldn't see anything in the middle of the hallway," said freshman Brian Willhicle, who was in his room when the fire alarm went off.

Since Chester Hall does not have a sprinkler system, firefighters used sand-pipeline to put out the fire.

"The most important thing is that we get students warm," said Dr. Ellen Neufeldt, VP of student affairs.

The accidental fire, which was contained to room 4C5, caused nearly \$10,000 in damages, according to the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office. Another \$5,000 worth of damage was done to the contents of the room, which the occupants must now pay for.

According to eye witness reports of the room, little was recognizable. No other surrounding rooms were damaged in the fire.

"The damage was contained to the room and the hallway. We just need to replace some ceiling tiles," said Director of Housing & Residence

Life David Gutoskey
The fire marshal stated that the cord belonged to a portable fan which overheated. The cause was ruled as accidental and not arson.

Everyone was evacuated from the building and no injuries were reported.

Only the two girls who lived in room 4C5 needed another place to stay.

Neufeldt stated that this scene was very similar to the fire in St. Martin two years ago which was caused by candles but the damage was more easily contained in the Chester incident.

An e-mail released Friday from the vice president of student affairs office stated, "Our campus community demonstrated great teamwork. Staff members and students from Housing and Residence Life, Facilities Management and University Police worked quickly to ensure our students were safe and warm."

Sarah Wright photo

Salisbury firefighters assess the damage outside of Chester Hall Thursday night after an overheated electrical

cord caught fire, causing over \$15,000 in damages and temporarily displacing over 200 students.



University Police arrest suspicious suspect in Fulton Hall bathroom case

By Sarah Janoske
Staff Writer

Salisbury students were shocked to hear about the incidents of a man following girls into the women's bathrooms in Fulton Hall. University Police made an arrest of the suspicious individual on Thursday, Feb. 28, at 1:20 a.m. after a long investigation with several police officers going undercover to remove this man from campus.

Walter Bernard Pratt III, a 20-year-old non-student, was apprehended on campus in the Guerrieri University Center and arrested. He is currently being held at the Wicomico County Detention Center under a \$50,000 bond. He has been charged with two counts of peeping tom and two counts of prurient intent, with more charges



photo courtesy of Wicomico Co. Detention Center

Suspect Walter Bernard Pratt III

pending, according to University Police Chief Edwin Lashley.

"His motive was to contact a female and engage in conversation with them. The majority of the time he would just engage in con-

versation with the female, but on two occasions he did enter a women's restroom," said Lieutenant Mike Nicolas of University Police.

With the first report of a suspicious individual being called in to University Police on Feb. 24 and more to follow that evening and the next day, Lashley began to realize that this was an immediate threat to the student body.

"When we heard of this pattern and we assessed the situation as a significant threat in our opinion, we increased the number of police patrols and we also invited the Wicomico County Sheriff's Office to assist us with extra manpower on campus, and we did so in a covert capacity," Lashley said.

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SSC gains RSO status, plans to target community crime

By Nick Lehwald
Staff Writer

vent crime. For students living off campus, the group is going to work to bridge the gap between the university and city.

"There's been a bad relationship between the university and the rest of the city for a long time. The thing is that these issues between the university and city are distracting people from seeing that there's actually a problem. This is the second most dangerous city in Maryland after Baltimore. There's a big drug and gang problem. The Salisbury police department busts students all the time, makes them look bad and then people just ignore the fact that it's actually a dangerous city to live in," said SSC president Melissa Morrissey.

Every student in Salisbury has

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Local experts lead discussion on eating disorders

By Kristen Manion
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Feb. 27, a small crowd gathered in the Nanticoke Room of the Guerrieri University Center to participate in a talk about eating disorders. The panel of experts included SU Dietician Kate Cerulli, local dietitian Melinda Brett and Barbara Israel, a woman who has been recovering from an eating disorder for the past 30 years.

The evening began with Dr. Cerulli's presentation on healthy eating. Much of her advice placed an emphasis on choosing the right foods and being savvy with your portion sizes. Advice such as always eating breakfast and eating a variety of fruits and vegetables

are things we've been told before, but Dr. Cerulli also added that the human body generally gets hungry every four hours, so it is important to give it some sustenance.

"It's wonderful there are programs students can take advantage of," Cerulli said. She hopes that this talk "makes students aware of the campus resources such as Student Counseling, Student Health and Dining Services."

After the talk on healthy eating, guest speaker Barbara Israel stood to tell her story. Israel has been in recovery from both anorexia and bulimia for over 30 years and came out to tell the SU community about her path to healing.

"My desire is to give encouragement to anyone who is suffering from body image issues and eating

disorders," she began. She related her story about how at the age of 14 she began developing the symptoms of the disorder. A troubled childhood contributed to her feelings of depression, which led to her perceiving that "if I could just lose weight, I would be popular and people would love me."

Thus began the downward spiral, first from anorexia, then binging and purging. During the 1970s, there were no outlets for young women like Israel, who did not even know that what she was doing was called "binging" until the 1990s.

Her road to recovery began when she decided that she could no longer live the way she was living.

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Sarah Wright photo

Kate Cerulli gives a presentation on healthy eating at Wednesday night's discussion, which tied into Eating Disorder Awareness Week.

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News briefs

Foreign Language Film Festival

SU celebrates National Foreign Language Week March 3-8 with a series of popular international films Monday-Thursday. All movies are subtitled in English.

Tuesday, March 4, 8 p.m., Fulton Hall Room 111, *Balneari* (Cuban Refugees), (Spanish, 2002) - This film tells the story of Cuban refugees who risk their lives to reach the United States.

Wednesday, March 5, 7 p.m., Henson Hall Room 243, *Tallmanns* (Together), (Swedish, 2000) - This comedy, set in the 1970s, revolves around changing attitudes about political power, race, gender equality and sexuality.

Wednesday, March 5, 8 p.m., Scarborough Leadership Center, *Matty Marthas*, (German, 2001) - This film tells the story of Marthas, the head chef at a chic restaurant, whose life is disrupted when her 8-year-old niece comes to live with her.

Thursday, March 6, 8 p.m., Fulton Hall Room 111, *Al Otra Lado* (To the Other Side) (Spanish, 2005) - Told using Mexico's 200-year tradition of corridor music, this film follows an aspiring composer who seemingly has only two choices to lead a comfortable life traffic drugs or illegally cross the border into the United States.

Sponsored by the Department of Modern Languages and Intercultural Studies, the screenings are free and the public is invited.

Celebrate Women's History Month

Movies, lectures and live performances highlight Salisbury University's Women's History Month celebration March 3-30.

The series begins at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 3, in Holloway Hall Auditorium, with the lecture "A Boy, a Girl, a Virus and the Relationship That Happened Anyway," presented by married couple Shawn Decker and Gwen Barringer. An AIDS activist, Decker acquired HIV when he was 7. He and Barringer discuss their relationship, as well as Decker's life growing up with the virus.

Events continue 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, in the Gull's Nest with the open musical performance Faculty, Folks and Friends.

The President's Office sponsors a Women's History Month reception 3-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, in the lobby of Holloway Hall. An International Women's Dinner follows from 5-7 p.m. in the Commons. Cost of the dinner is \$9.68, \$5.95 for children 6-12, free for children 5 and under.

SU student pleads guilty to child sexual abuse charges

By Jonathan Moynihan
Staff Writer

A Salisbury University student accused of having sex with a 14-year-old pleaded guilty last week to third-degree sex offense.

Back in Oct., Jenna Ashley Hermann, 23, was a student intern at Pittsville Elementary and Middle School where she began a two-month sexual relationship with one of her students, a young man of 14.

As part of the plea deal, Wicomico County Circuit Court Judge Donald C. Lewis dropped four other counts of third-degree sex offense, as reported by *The Daily Times*. The woman was sentenced to five years in prison with four of those years suspended. She will serve one year in the Wicomico County Detention Center.

In smaller cities like Pittsville and Salisbury, big news such as this becomes even bigger, especially for those affected by the bizarre events. During times such as this, those involved have the opportunity to rise above and resolve the issue at hand, or recess and allow the events to take control of their outcome.

Salisbury University faced this exact issue when news of Hermann's foul play reached the public.

"When we learned it happened, I knew it would cause great attention. I had an obligation and a responsibility to share the news to the extent that I was allowed, due to the direct effect it had on the university and community," Neufeldt said.

It's easy to see one bad example ruin an entire program, idea, group or way of doing things, but Neufeldt ensures that is not the case here. "This is how we teach our students. We have been very transparent about what we do," she said. "But it has given us a chance to step back and look at what we're doing."

The reality of Hermann's actions not only leaves an effect on the school's administration, but its entire student body. When hearing of the Seidel School and their work to maintain a high level of trust, said



Internet photo
After pleading guilty, former SU student Jenna Ashley Hermann, 23, was sentenced to five years in prison with four years suspended.

Neufeldt.

"It seems the strong and historical reputation of student interns and professors has helped keep it so this event has not tainted such as prestigious program. The Seidel School can't be praised enough," Neufeldt said.

Others responded more seriously. "It's just sad to see how she violated the trust between students and teachers," said junior nursing major Jeb Gibson.

With television programs like *Catch a Predator* becoming ever more popular, it's easy to forget the reality of child sex abuse. However, the truth behind situations like Hermann's is a hard reality to face if anyone is careless enough to challenge it.

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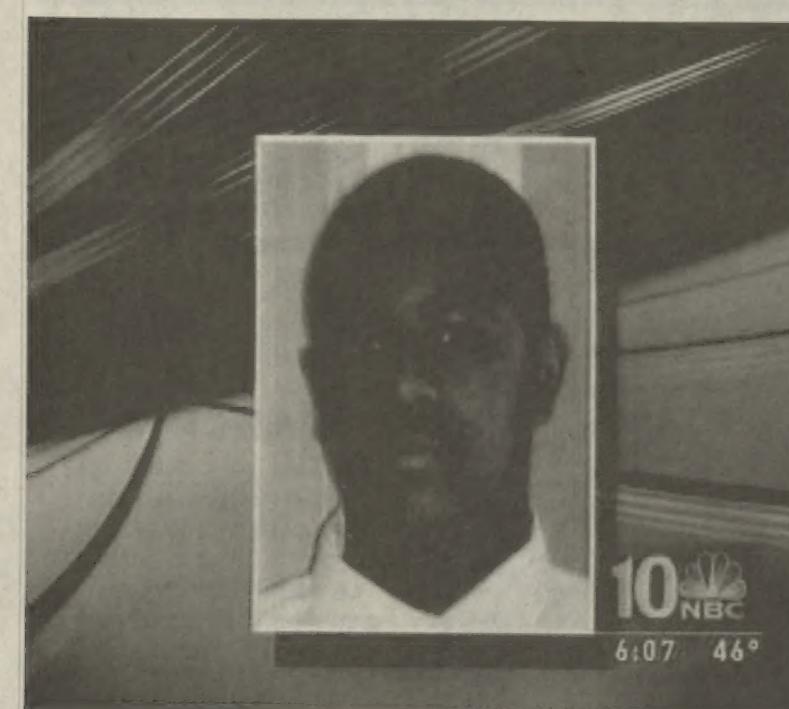
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Innocent snowball fight leads to fatal shooting of 15-year-old boy



By Steven Reddick
Staff Writer

Last Sunday, Feb. 24, Teven Rutledge was celebrating his fifteenth birthday outside in the snowy Philadelphia landscape with his friends. The group was frolicking about, throwing snowballs. A passing pedestrian was pelted with one of the packed projectiles, who then proceeded to parry the pack with a pistol.

After engaging in a heated verbal confrontation, the pedestrian wielded his firearm and shot and killed Rutledge.

Rutledge's family and friends were devastated by the killing, especially the group of friends who witnessed the event unfold. One of Rutledge's friend's mother, Tara, was inside her house when Rutledge came inside after he had hit the pedestrian with a snowball. After becoming aware of the situation, Tara insisted that Rutledge stay inside. "I wanted him to calm down because I didn't want him to come back outside," Tara said.

"I turned my back and went to the kitchen, came back outside and he was sitting on the step. As I was opening the door he was shot and then fell."

Witnesses say that immediately after the dispute, the gunman raised a pistol to Rutledge's head and shot him at point blank range. Tara fled as he lay on the Feltonville doorstep and attempted to use a towel to stop the bleeding. Rutledge was pronounced dead, however, at the hospital on Monday morning.

An unfair and atrocious as this killing was, Rutledge's killer just adds another drop in the bucket of needless violent crimes in the area. The residents of Feltonville, as well as many other Philadelphia areas, are constantly surrounded by gangs, drugs and poverty, all factors which, unfortunately, equate to a dangerous environment, especially for the youth. The citizens of the area are outraged over Rutledge's death/murder. Many members of the community hope that Rutledge will act as a martyr and wake the neighborhood up to see the need for peace.

A candlelight vigil was held on the Monday after his murder on the doorstep that Rutledge was shot on. A TV news crew was there to document the event and to receive state-

Bush: Recession is not imminent

By Matthew Rains
Photo Editor

President Bush told reporters last Thursday at a White House press conference that despite slowed economic growth, the U.S. is not headed for a recession.

The President's outlook on the economy was decidedly more optimistic than many economic analysts who say the nation is headed for a recession if we are not there already.

"There's no question the economy has slowed down," Bush said. "That's why we acted, and acted strongly, with over \$150 billion worth of pro-growth economic incentives."

Although the President expressed concern for a sluggish GDP, he was skeptical of the need for a second pro-growth package that would supplement the 2008 stimulus package that was signed into law three weeks ago.

"We acted robustly," Bush told reporters. "And now it's time to see whether or not this pro-growth package will actually work."

The rough questions on the state of a sagging economy came as the result of growing fear among Republicans that hard times and high oil prices—now a record \$103 a barrel—would hinder a John McCain presidential campaign as it did for George Bush Sr. in 1992, resulting in his defeat.

Despite his generally positive viewpoint on the impact of these stimulus checks and the economic

problems facing Americans, Bush offered relatively little hope to those in dire straits: sighting permanent tax cuts as the only real solution that would bring relief to working class citizens in the short-run.

"There's a lot of uncertainty," Bush told reporters. "You just said the price of gasoline may be up to \$4 a gallon—or some expert told you that—and that creates a lot of uncertainty. And when you couple that with the idea that taxes may be going up in a couple of years, that's double uncertainty. And therefore the only way to deal with uncertainty is for Congress to make tax cuts permanent."

Although the President himself seemed at times uncertain, he assured Americans that reducing dependency on foreign oil in conjunction with investments in new technology would ultimately save the nation through this difficult period.

"It's interesting that many of the people who once accused me of refusing to acknowledge setbacks in Iraq are the same ones refusing to acknowledge progress in Iraq," he said. "Unfortunately, this week the Senate debated yet another bill that threatens to cut off funding and tie the hands of our commanders in Iraq."

The President also addressed the growing concerns over NAFTA, specifically those raised by Democratic candidates Senators Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama. Both Clinton and Obama have publicly stated that reforms need to be made to NAFTA for the U.S. to continue to benefit from the agreement.

"We're in a period of transition here in America, from a time when we were—where we are oil and gas dependent, to a time where we got electric automobiles," Bush said. "That's where we're headed for...otherwise we're going to be dealing with \$4 gasoline."

The President also stressed the importance of an American victory over Al Qaeda in Iraq.

Critics contend that the NAFTA agreement has and will continue to cost hundreds of thousands of U.S. jobs, as U.S. businesses shift production from the United States to low-wage Mexico. Bush criticized both campaigns of trying to boost their image among Texas and Ohio state primary and caucus voters—two states adversely affected by the agreement—with threats of a NAFTA pull out.

"There's roughly like \$380 billion dollar worth of goods that we shift to our NAFTA partners on an annual basis," Bush said. "The idea of just unilaterally withdrawing from a trade treaty because of trying to score political points is not good policy. It's not good policy on the merits and it's not good policy as a message to send to our people who have, in good faith, signed a treaty and worked with us on a treaty."



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GLOBAL

McCain faces *The Times*' allegations of sexual misconduct with female lobbyist

By Doug Allers
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Feb. 20, *The New York Times* reported in its online edition that Sen. John McCain had a romantic relationship with a lobbyist in 1999-2000.

It was reported that top aides in McCain's 2000 presidential campaign were concerned about his relationship with a lobbyist and confronted him about it numerous times. The paper's assertions were part of a larger article on McCain's relationships with and stances toward lobbyists and special interests, CNN said.

According to *The New York Times*, "a female lobbyist had been turning up with him at fund-raisers, visiting his offices and accompanying him on a client's corporate jet. Convinced the relationship had become romantic, some of his top advisors intervened to protect the candidate from himself— instructing staff members to block the woman's access, privately warning her away and repeatedly confronting her."

The shooter has not been identified as of yet. No one in the community has been able to generate a name or an accurate description of the murderer. The SWAT team responded on Feb. 25 to a house close to the site of the shooting where witnesses suspected the gunman may have been hiding, but found no one. The resident of the suspected house has not been seen nor heard from since the shooting.

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The death of Rutledge was a somber deduction from the Feltonville community. Rutledge's friends described him as someone who could "get along with everyone." His parents lamented that Rutledge had recently gotten through a rocky part of his life and was improving his attitude and his grades. The parents were happy to see "the responsible man he was becoming."

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It is not the first scandal to arise for McCain. In 1989, he was accused of corruption in the Keating Five scandal which nearly ended his political career. In the scandal, McCain, along with Alan Cranston, Dennis DeConcini, John Glenn and Donald W. Riegle, was accused of aiding Charles H. Keating, Jr., who was under investigation by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board and later convicted of securities fraud.

Summing up the situation in its entirety, McCain said, "I intend to move on." If he will be able to move on from this controversy will ultimately have to be decided by the people. It will have to be seen in the upcoming weeks whether or not this is a situation that will continue to escalate.

The names of the aides were not released, as they requested anonymity in exchange for the information.

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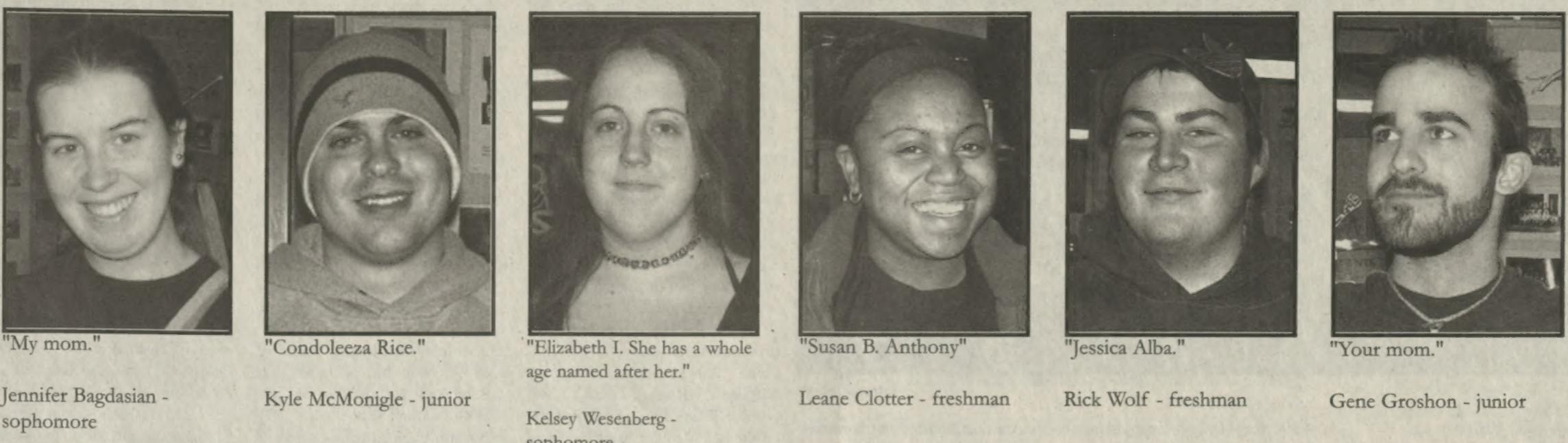
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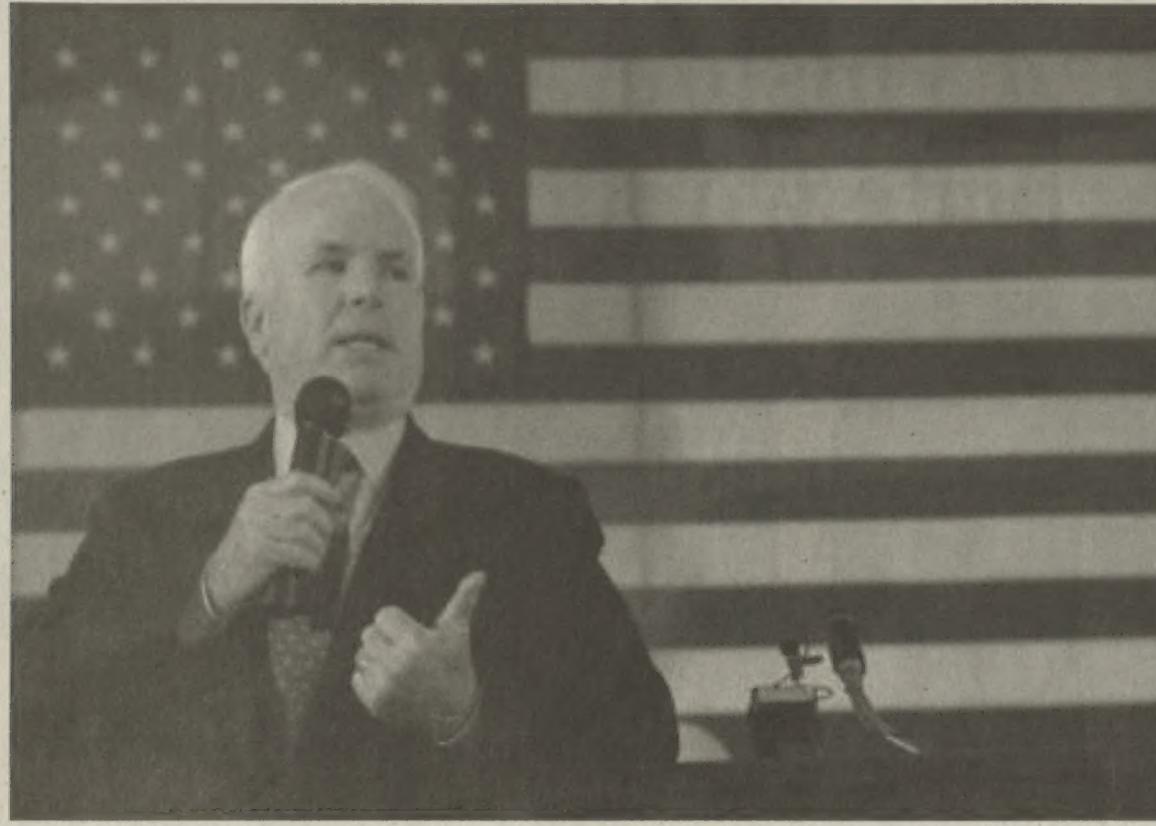
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Why conservatives should embrace presidential hopeful John McCain



By Jeremy Riffle
Staff Writer

As the 2008 election season has progressed, it has become increasingly clear that the Republican nomination will go to Senator John McCain. While the near-certainty of who the nominee will be is typically a good thing, the impending nomination of McCain has proven controversial and has provoked the wrath of many conservative leaders in his party. These leaders, and those who will follow them, run the risk of not only damaging McCain's campaign, but also the Republican Party itself.

Among the many detractors of McCain in the conservative camp are Rush Limbaugh, Laura Ingraham and Ann Coulter, who averred that she would rather campaign for Senator Hillary Clinton than vote for McCain. Even James Dobson, founder of Focus on the Family, who generally refrains from endorsing candidates in the primaries, stated that if McCain is the Republican nominee, "[he] cannot...vote...for McCain, as a matter of conscience."

The reasons why they dislike McCain are numerous: he cospon-

sored the McCain-Feingold Act, which regulates campaign donations; he was one of 14 senators who agreed to compromise on judicial nominees, avoiding a confrontation in the Senate; he worked with Senator Ted Kennedy on an immigration reform bill that was quashed because of conservative dissent. All of these reasons add up to one realization in the minds of McCain's detractors: he is not a "true" conservative.

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'Reality' thinness unrealistic

By Mary Simonds
Staff Writer

"I can't believe how fat I look in this dress. I just want to look like the girls on TV!" How many young women do you think have said or at least thought this before? I know I have. What makes our generation so concerned with body image and weight? Part of the answer lies in the reality TV shows that we are exposed to on a daily basis.

Shows like *America's Next Top Model* endorse being thin. The plus size model never makes it very far.

Comments from the judges such as, "If she wants to make it in this industry, she's going to have to lose that fat and tone up," do not help either. I wonder if the judges realize how that translates to women who are not a size 2.

Many women as well as men suffer from a body image disorder, but are able to hide it. This is very frightening.

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Banning smoking while driving

By Lauren Zarin
Staff Writer

hand smoke is extremely detrimental to one's health. It is especially so for children and infants because they have higher breathing rates than adults and their bodies are still developing. David Sutton, a spokesman for Philip Morris USA, said that the public should be guided by the conclusions of public health officials regarding the health effects of secondhand smoke and particular care should be exercised where children are concerned.

Jan. 2008 brought the inevitable ban, drafted by smokers nationwide, on cigarette smoking in bars and restaurants. The controversial injunction created a great deal of discontent from those who enjoy a cigarette with their cocktails. Many smokers posed the question, "What's next? No smoking in our homes or cars?" The question is often raised with an air of sarcasm, which is why the next step in smoking prohibition may come as a shock. The ban on smoking in cars is no longer a joke.

Many states have proposed a ban on smoking in cars carrying children. Some states, including California, Arkansas, Louisiana and parts of Maine, have already instituted the law. Many smokers are up in arms, claiming that "even if smoking around children is a bad idea, it isn't the government's job to stop people from doing it." Well, if it isn't the government's job to protect children from secondhand smoke, who else is going to protect them?

Children are unfortunate victims when exposed to such toxins and carcinogens and there is not much they can do to safeguard themselves.

As smoking ban author Senator Jenny Oropesa said, "Prohibiting smoking in a car in public view is not an invasion of privacy. When we're talking about children's health—life and death—there is a role for government."

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Americans losing faith, abandoning affiliations

By Derek Pettinelli
Staff Writer

the women if they had any chance at winning. This is appalling.

I know that America is addicted to reality TV. But one must ask the question: Is this really real? Are most women 5'11 and a size 2? No.

The abundance of reality TV shows we are being exposed to may be directly correlated to an increase in eating disorders.

Reality TV should be sending the message that even if you are a size 16, you are just as beautiful as women who are a size 2.

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Comedian Jasper Redd receives mixed reactions

By Nick Lehwald
Staff Writer

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Try to spend some time with her away from her boyfriend and remember that your relationship with her is not her relationship with him. Be her friend and be there for her no matter how much you dislike this guy.

My parents are really strict and they don't want me to live off campus next fall. All of my friends are planning on getting apartments or houses and I can't stand the thought of living in a dorm again. What can I say to convince them?

Explaining to them that you have been responsible all year without their supervision will definitely help. Try to hear them out and at least listen to their reasoning. If you show that you respect their opinions, hopefully they will do the same. If they are paying for your living arrangements, they will ultimately have the upper hand, but it is worth a shot. Explain to them that you value your privacy and a dorm living situation is a difficult place to find alone.

Adam Bryant, a junior philosophy and literature major, dominated the event, sharing poetry as well as freestyle. He addressed current issues and called for unity on campus and throughout our nation. His most memorable line was, "I'm gonna vote Barack too."

"I had a great time," said Patrick Morris, a junior majoring in business.

WXSU plans to sponsor more events this spring including a Battle of the Bands, a Spring Concert and a coffeehouse on March 27, outside of Henson or, weather not permitting, in the Wicomico Room. "We're going to do it again," Ravello said.



Kevin Dallaire (above) is involved in countless campus activities including the SGA, Saferide, CRU and the USM Student Council.

and Campus Crusade for Christ.

In 2007, Dallaire was the SGA vice president of external affairs. He had always been interested in the SGA in high school and after attending a forum at SU, he realized he wanted to get involved.

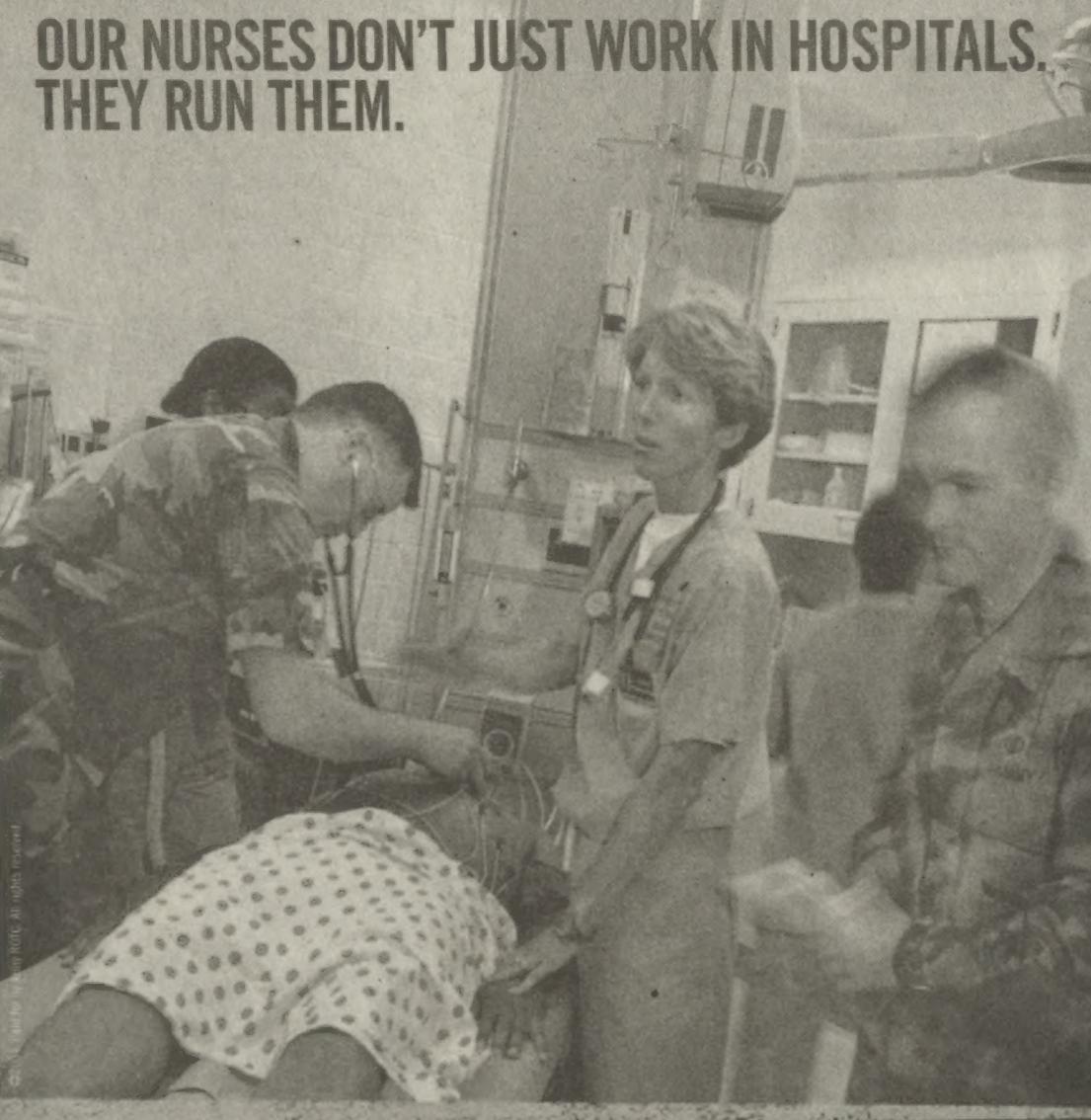
As vice president of external affairs, he was a voice for students in many meetings when speaking to members of the community as well as elected officials. He expressed students' concerns regarding the University and kept SGA up-to-date with these concerns.

"While VP in SGA I found myself having to defend and promote the importance of the SafeRide program to the community and the administration," Dallaire said.

He has helped protect Saferide for students because he wants the community to know it is effective and students' do value their own safety. Dallaire helped bridge the gap between students and the community.

He is also an SU representative to the University System of Maryland Student Council. As a representative, Dallaire speaks on behalf of students to ensure the university system is aware of concerns or issues that may become concerns of the future. He went to Annapolis last semester to lobby for higher education to prevent a tuition increase.

"We decided to send two other students including myself up to



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WXSU holds another exciting Poetry Slamm

By Michel Elben
Staff Writer

Although it got off to a late start, 96.3 FM WXSU's Poetry, Spoken Word and Freestyle Slamm did not lack in entertainment or impact. From a man in a blue bathrobe performing poems about God to a woman who spit more fire with her words than any man there, the Slamm was a success.

"I'm glad all the poets came out. The students have soul and passion that needs to be heard," said Dwayne Ravello, promotions manager for WXSU.

Due to difficulties with the campus community's participation and cooperation, the event had to be reorganized. Ravello said flyers had been taken down and the sign-up list was removed from the bulletin board prior to the event.

Ravello opened the event with Langston Hughes's poem *By the River* and encouraged the audience to create a different vibe for the event with "finger snaps instead of claps."

Sherita Jones, a communication arts major, was the first brave soul to read her poetry. She began by telling the audience she was going to "just read it."

She didn't. Jones impressively delivered a piece titled "What is Poetry?" She then stunned the audience with a very powerful poem called "Invasion" that depicted a woman's rape. The snapping didn't quite do her poem justice.

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Local environmental groups host film festival at SU

By Brandon M. Smith
Staff Writer

The Wicomico Environmental Trust, Friends of the Nanticoke and other environmental groups hosted the second installment of their film festival series last Thursday in Devilbiss Hall. The films that were scheduled for the festival included *The Air We Breathe* and *We Are All Smith Islanders*. The festival was attended by a diverse group of SU students and community members who shared an interest in environmental issues abroad and here locally on the shore.

The Air We Breathe traces the damaging connection between urban sprawl, our reliance on the car, air pollution and disturbing increases in asthma and respiratory diseases. According to the film, the hospital admission for asthma-related emergencies has doubled in the last 10 years. A disturbing fact, con-



A diverse group of SU students and community members gathered in Devilbiss Hall on Thursday night to watch *The Air We Breathe*.

idering five percent of the population is afflicted with the breathing disorder. The connection between smog and asthma are hard to miss when the facts are taken into account. According to the film, grade school children in Los Angeles whose smog-filled skyline has become a trademark, suffer from 10 to 15 percent less lung function than school children in Houston, Texas.

What is smog exactly?

Smog is a combination of the words smoke and fog and is generally attributed to Dr. Henry Antoine Des Voeux, in his 1905 paper, "Fog and Smoke." A hazard to human health, smog can be found in almost all American cities and it contains various harmful chemicals. The main chemical components of smog include ground-level ozone, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and other chemicals known to be toxic to humans. These chemicals can be

on the automobile is by calculating how much of the city is dedicated to them. According to *The Air We Breathe*, over 75 percent of Los Angeles' surface is paved.

Due to technical difficulties, the second film, *We Are All Smith Islanders*, which focused on the effects of global warming here on the Eastern Shore, could not be played. The environmental film festival will continue into the month of March. *A Crude Awakening*, *The Oil Crash* will be shown on March 6 and *Who Killed the Electric Car?* will play on March 13, in Devilbiss Hall room 123 at 7 p.m.

Salisbury University senior Lauren Hirsch shared her opinion on the festival. "I thought it was very relevant and it's an issue that needs to be taken more seriously. I really enjoyed it."

For more information on the films, call (410) 543-1999 or go to wicomicomevironmental.org.

SU atheist community establishes possible RSO

By Kellie Madden
Staff Writer

Immoral, heartless, bitter, unhappy and hopeless. These are some of the common misconceptions about atheists that are prevalent in today's society. However, after meeting with some of the Salisbury students who are working to create the Atheist Students of Salisbury club, or A.S.S., it is clear to see how these conceptions can be far from the truth.

"A lot of people think atheists are cruel and immoral people," said Vaughn Gambrell, vice president of the club.

Treasurer of the atheist club on campus, Drake Beckner said one of the goals of the group is to dispel the many misconceptions there are about atheists.

Contrary to what some may believe, many of the members of this atheist group are passionate and involved in many other clubs and organization. Gambrell is the president of the Environmental Students Association, and both Gambrell and Beckner are involved in Students for a Democratic Society and United Greens, as well as other organizations.

Beckner said the club will serve as a place of discussion, allowing people



Adrienne Price photo
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"The Fraternity initially served as a study and support group for minority students who faced racial prejudice, both educationally and socially, at Cornell. The Jewel founders and early leaders of the Fraternity succeeded in laying a firm foundation for Alpha Phi Alpha's principles of scholarship, fellowship, good character and the uplifting of humanity," according to the national Web site of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Some famous members of Alpha Phi Alpha include Nobel Prize winner Martin Luther King Jr., Jamaican prime minister and Rhodes Scholar Norman Manley, U.S. vice president Hubert Humphrey, Olympian Jesse Owens, United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young and Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson.

"It will be an excellent opportunity for members of the black

community at Salisbury to be able to join an organization such as Alpha Phi Alpha. Ever since I have attended Salisbury University there has been a lack of such an opportunity for black students, and now that I am a senior, I am happy to know that Salisbury is growing culturally," said Derrick Moten, a senior at SU. "I know that if it would have been here when I was a freshman, I would have joined. The history of Alpha Phi Alpha and the famous members of the organization are really appealing to me."

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First Annual J-Man Awards



By Jeffrey Southworth
Sports Editor

Over a week removed from the Academy Awards and two-thirds through the NBA regular season, I have decided to hand out a few awards of my own. The first annual J-Man Awards are given to the players that best represent the NBA and have contributed the most to their respective teams all while making this the most entertaining NBA season in recent memory.

Best Supporting Performance – Perennial All-Star and MVP candidate Chris Bosh is the leader of the Toronto Raptors, but the play of point guard Jose Calderon is contributing to a Raptors team that has a tight hold onto the fifth spot in the east and that is seven games above 500. Calderon's 13 points and nine assists a game, filling in for injured guard T.J. Ford, is giving Bosh and the rest of the Raptors the solid point guard play they lacked.

Best Performance on a Sub 500 team – The best player on a sub 500 team over two-thirds of the season is Minnesota's Al Jefferson. Jefferson has turned into a double-double machine, averaging 21 points and 12 rebounds a game while recording 40 double-doubles, tied for second in the entire league.

Breakthrough Performance – Andrew Bynum has undoubtedly turned in the best breakthrough performance in the 2007-2008 season, even after being sidelined with a bad knee. Bynum has provided the surging Lakers with another legitimate offensive threat. Bynum's length and ability to rebounds also solidifies the Lakers at the center position.

Best International Performance – Manu Ginobili has been shredding through defenses over the past two weeks all while helping the Spurs win seven in a row. The recent play of Ginobili along with the timely return of finals MVP Tony Parker are going to make the Spurs a very dangerous team come playoff time.

Best Director – Byron Scott takes home the first annual J-Man for best coach. He did it in New Jersey and he is doing it again in New Orleans. For the second time, Scott has taken a sub 500 team and has turned them into serious contenders. It is no coincidence; this guy knows what he's doing.

Best Performance in a Lead Role – Kobe Bryant. Kobe has always turned in the best performance but this year he has adapted and has taken on the leadership role as well. Kobe is not only scoring but is making it easier for his teammates to score. For the first time in his career Kobe is making the players around him significantly better, allowing him to go home with the first annual J-Man Award given to the best player in the league.

Now that the awards are handed out here are my predictions for the rest of the regular season:

NBA MVP – Kobe Bryant

Eastern Conference Champions – Detroit Pistons

Western Conference Champions – San Antonio Spurs

NBA Champions – San Antonio Spurs

SU disc golf goes a long way

By Shawn Nisson
Staff Writer

Schumaker Pond, located directly behind the Ward Museum and only a short trip down College Avenue from the Salisbury University campus, is home to a disc golf course that bears the same name. The Schumaker Pond disc golf course recently hosted the second annual Ice Bowl to benefit the Maryland State food bank.

The event was characterized by organizer Chris Roberts, "as a great success and great fun." The Ice Bowl raised \$405 and collected nearly 150 pounds of food, all of which is to be donated to the food bank.

The tournament saw 51 people compete in categories ranging from intermediate to professional with divisions for children, men, and women. Roberts said there were about 20 Salisbury University students in attendance and overall there was nearly double the amount of participants from last year.

For those not familiar with disc golf, it is set up much like traditional golf with a few notable differences. First, instead of hitting a ball, participants throw discs aiming for baskets above ground in place of holes. Participants start from tee-boxes and try to get the disc in the basket in as few throws as possible. Schumaker Pond offers 18 "holes" of golf with both long and short tees scattered throughout the park.

Roberts, who has done almost everything revolving around the course from designing it, to building it, to playing on it is hoping to attract more SU students to come out and play. "It's something fun to do," Roberts said. "The course



Shawn Nisson photo

is close to campus."

"Wednesday nights are college nights," Roberts said. "From 4:30 p.m. to dark, we will have loaner discs and bags. And for those who are new to the sport we'll have free lessons as well."

Roberts has been happy with the amount of traffic he has seen on the course. "It's been great. Over 200 Salisbury students have played the course," Roberts said. "About 40 students play pretty regularly, probably once a week or so. We would like to get to the point where enough kids are coming out that we can start a handicap league. Start keeping points for people who come out and have an end of the year tournament with prizes and all that good stuff."

If the interest is there, Roberts would like to start doing "Glow Golf" when the weather gets warmer. Glow Golf is like a miniature golf version of the game, played at night. Players

attach a glow stick to their disc and aim for baskets lit up with glow material.

Roberts has also been involved in bringing disc golf to local schools by donating portable disc catchers along with 30 discs to both Wicomico High School and Pinehurst Elementary as a part of the EDGE (Educational Disc Golf Experience) program. The program also provides an instruction manual for teachers who have never played the sport themselves. "Disc golf is a sport for all ages," Roberts said. "Anybody from 8 to 80 can play."

Roberts will also be teaching a "Learn with SU" program starting this spring. For \$10 participants will receive a disc, learn the basic rules, and get instructional lessons. The program, located at Schumaker Pond, will start on April 11 at 6 p.m., with additional sessions occurring at the same time on April 16 and 23.

Student Athlete Spotlight Christina Klamp

By Erin Hart
Staff Writer

Christina Klamp, a senior at SU, grew up in Severna Park and eventually moved to Queenstown. Klamp is a mass media communications major and is graduating in May. She was the only senior on the Salisbury women's basketball team this year. Klamp contributed four points and four rebounds a game coming off the bench. Klamp's biggest game of the year came against Hood College on Jan. 23. Klamp got the start and scored a season-high 16 points while adding seven rebounds. She was honored at the last home game by her teammates and will be missed. "When I graduate I want to find something that keeps me active and happy and obviously provides an income," Christina said.

What is your favorite sport other than basketball?

My favorite sport other than basketball is lacrosse.

Do you like college or pro basketball better?

I like college basketball better.

What is your favorite food?

My favorite food is my mom's marinated deer meat.

What did you want to be when you were little?

When I was little I never really thought about what I wanted to be. I still don't know.

Did you always play basketball?

I played basketball when I was young and was able to. I played as much as I

could.

What is it like being the only senior on the basketball team?

Being the only senior on the team is really no big deal. I'll miss my teammates for sure though.

Do you have a favorite college memory or moment?

My favorite college memory...so many I can't put a finger on any particular one.

What's your favorite animal?

My favorite animal is any and all birds. I love birds.

What's your favorite movie/actor/actress?

My favorite actor is Leonardo DiCaprio. My favorite actress is Milla Jovovich and my favorite movie is *The Fifth Element*.

What do you do for fun in your free time?

In my free time I like to be outside spending time with family and friends.



Andrew Baker photo

Hickman, Berkman nominated for the Tewaaraton trophy

By Rachel Grau
Staff Writer

midfielder of the year. Both

Hickman and Berkman know what

it takes to be one of the best play-

ers on one of the best teams.

"They earned their way on there

with great experience. I wouldn't

want to play against them. I don't

know of anyone who wants to win

more than those two," Coach Jim

Berkman said.

Hickman, who has been playing

lacrosse since second grade, knows

that being only one of four

Division III players is a huge

accomplishment. "It proves we can

hang with some of the better play-

ers," said Hickman. Berkman, who

has been playing lacrosse for as

long as he remembers, has played

with some Division I players and

knows what it takes to be on such

an honorable list. "We go down

and play some of those guys, so

just to see how good they are and

have your name mentioned with

some of those guys is a great expe-

rience," Berkman said. For both of

these players, being named to the

watch list is an accomplishment in

itself, but winning the award would

mean even more because no other

Division III player has ever won.

The list will be voted on by

coaches and narrowed down as the

season progresses and will ulti-

mately reach a final list of five play-

ers. The eighth annual award will

be decided on May 29.

Sea Gulls

Men's Basketball

The Salisbury University men's basketball team (7-20, CAC 4-12) defeated No. 1 seed York College 76-71 in their biggest win of the season. Greg Palmer led the Gulls with 23 points, 10 rebounds and three assists.

Brandon Abney added 14 points while both Jonas Vaitkus and Sean Whittaker added 10 points apiece. The win advanced the Gulls to the semi-finals of the CAC tournament against St. Mary's.

The Gulls came up short in the semi-finals falling to St. Mary's 95-89. SU went down early trailing by as much as 23 points in the first half. The Gulls pushed in the second half scoring a season-high 89 points. Wesley Sweet led the Gulls while scoring a career-high 26 points. SU graduates three seniors, Gary Ward, Jonas Vaitkus and Todd Ostrom.

Women's Basketball

The Salisbury University women's basketball team (12-15, CAC 8-8) advanced in the first round of the CAC playoffs by defeating St. Mary's in the quarterfinals, 79-78. Kylie Hall hit a shot

with five seconds left to lead the sixth-seed Gulls to victory. The Gulls went on an 11-2 run with under five minutes to go to take the lead 71-70. Monica Merkel scored a team-high 22 points while Janay Johnson added 10 points and Lindsay Martin scored 17 in the team's quarterfinal win.

SU went on to face Marymount in the semi-final round of the CAC tournament. The Gulls lost to Marymount 75-66. Merkel scored 16 points and Martin added 16 points and five assists in the Gulls' loss. The Gulls finished 12-15 and an 8-8 CAC record under first year head coach Charisse Mapp.

Men's Lacrosse

The SU men's lacrosse (4-0, CAC 1-0) team picked up two wins this week, setting the record for most consecutive regular season wins with 66 straight dating back to April 17, 2003. The Gulls defeated Wesley 21-4 on Wednesday afternoon. The win pushes SU's CAC winning streak to 91 games.

Matt Hickman had three goals and two assists in the win. Jake DeLillo also record three goals on

the day. Kylor Berkman added two goals and four assists. The Gulls dominated the ball, out-shooting Wesley 57-15 and winning 22 of 29 face-offs. Six Sea Gulls contributed at least two goals each to the win.

SU defeated Widener 19-3 on Saturday. Hickman scored two goals and recorded two assists while Berkman added three goals and one assist. The Gulls play next on Wednesday, March 5, at Sea Gull Stadium at 4 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse

The No. 2 Sea Gulls (5-0, CAC 2-0) picked up two wins this week by defeating Va. Wesleyan and York. Against Va. Wesleyan, All-American Sue Ackerman scored five goals and recorded four assists while the Gulls defeated Va. Wesleyan 17-8. Beth Rhodey added four goals and one assist in the win.

SU defeated rival York 22-4 on Saturday. Jessica Chmielewski scored four goals and added one assist. Rhodey continued her hot play, scoring five goals on seven shots. The Gulls host Catholic at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 8.

Sea Gulls

SPORTS BEAT

Tuesday-3/4

Wednesday-3/5

Thursday-3/6

Friday-3/7

Saturday-3/8

Sunday-3/9

Monday-3/10

Softball @ Washington
2 p.m.

Baseball vs. York
2:30 p.m.

Men's LAX vs. Hood
4 p.m.

Softball vs. Cabrini
1 p.m.

Baseball vs. Montclair
2 p.m.

Softball vs. Allegheny
3 p.m.

Track & Field @ Virginia - 9 a.m.
Men's Tennis vs. Dickinson - 10 a.m.

Track and Field Salisbury University
Opener - 11 a.m.

Baseball @ York - Noon

Softball vs. Wilkes - 1 p.m.

Women's LAX vs. Catholic - 1 p.m.

Women's Tennis vs. Bridgewater -
2 p.m.